秘密の扉を閉めて

Close a secret door

I work at an upscale luxury brand store located in the best district in the very heart of the city.
I love western clothes, so this is pretty much my dream job, but...
Our clients have exquisite taste and they only want the best, high quality clothes
UM, MAKI-SAN, CAN I ASK YOU SOMETHING?
WHAT IS IT?
IS IT TRUE THAT OUR COMPANY'S IN TROUBLE?
MAKI
I'm the store manager.
STORES LIKE OURS ARE DEFINITELY FEELING THE CRUNCH
I MEAN, OUR CLOTHES ARE EXPENSIVE!
STORES HAVE BEEN CLOSING ONE AFTER THE OTHER BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT MAKING A PROFIT. THERE'S ALSO A RUMOR THAT OUR COMPANY'S TAKING BRIBES!

It is true that times are tough.
OKAA-AAY
Hmm... there might be a job in it
whaaat?
THAT'S BECAUSE OUR CLOTHES ARE AGELESS MASTER-PIECES!
DON'T BELIEVE EVERYTHING YOU HEAR!
I've got to stay on top of the situation
whoosh
MAKI-SAN, COULD YOU COME HERE FOR A MINUTE?
WELCOME, SIR.
Startle
WHAT'S WRONG?
THERE'S SOME WEIRD MAN OUT THERE!

CLINK
CLINK
HE KEEPS RUMMAGING THROUGH THE RACKS,
AND HE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE HE CAN AFFORD OUR CLOTHES. I THINK HE'S JUST BROWSING...
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT HE LOOKS LIKE. HE'S STILL OUR CUSTOMER, RIGHT?
BUT COULD YOU JUST..
Pretty please
GOT IT. LEAVE IT TO ME
SIR?
WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRY SOMETHING ON?
smile

OUR CHANGING ROOMS ARE THIS WAY.
knock knock
WHA?!
SIR,
HOW DO YOU LIKE. . THEM. .?
WHAAAT?!
HE'S...

I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYONE OUR CLOTHES SUITED BETTER!
THE LENGTH OF THE SLEEVES IS JUST SO
NOT TO MENTION THE FIT ON YOUR SHOULDERS AND THE OVERALL CUT
I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT THERE'S NO NEED TO DO ANY ADJUST-MENTS!
AND I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO SEE SOMEONE WEAR OUR CLOTHES SO WELL!
flop
HE'S FLAWLESS!
IT... IT SUITS YOU SO WELL, SIR...!
It's moments like this that make working in sales more than worth it
HEY, YOU...
DO YOU BY ANY CHANCE DO MODEL-ING, SIR?
HUH?
DID IT EVEN OCCUR TO YOU THAT NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU PRAISE ME, IT'S NOT GOING TO AMOUNT TO MUCH?

OH, NO.
MY JOB IS TO SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT THE QUALITY OF THE CLOTHES WE SELL
ALL I WANT IS FOR SOMEONE TO TRY THEM ON, NO MATTER WHO THEY ARE
HOW DOES IT FEEL ON?
.....
VERY MUCH TO MY TASTE.

pull
SHOVE
S-SIR?!
W-WHAT DO YOU MEAN...?!
THE CLOTHES, OF COURSE

FWAP
rummage
I'LL TAKE THESE.
HUH?
DOES THAT COVER IT?
Y-YES!
YOU DON'T THINK THE MONEY'S FAKE, DO YOU..?
NO WAY! HE WROTE DOWN HIS CONTACT INFORMATION ON OUR CUSTOMER LIST.
BUT HE JUST..
whoosh
UHH...
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
name: Tsutsui
WROTE DOWN THE NAME TSUTSUI AND NOTHING ELSE.
TSUTSUI-SAMA..
After that...

He started coming by the store often.
Nowadays not that many people spend as much money as he does, so he became one of our most valued customers...
But still...
UM, MAKI-SAN...
TSU-TSUI-SAMA IS ASKING FOR YOU.
YEAH, OKAY...
sigh
twitch
SHOVE
WELCOME, TSUITSUI-SAMA. ARE YOU LOOKING FOR SOMETHING SPECIFIC TODAY...?
I WOULD LIKE TO TRY THIS ON...
THEN IF YOU WOULD FOLLOW ME...

HUH?
WHAT MATERIAL IS IT?
THIS FEELS GOOD AGAINST MY SKIN
OH, I SEE
O-OH! I'M GLAD YOU NOTICED! THAT ONE WAS MADE WITH A SPECIAL TYPE OF SILK AND THE WEAVE IS ALSO EXCEPTIONAL...
THE CLOTHES YOU SELL HERE SEEM TO ALL HAVE BEEN MADE WITH TOP-GRADE MATERIALS.
T-THANK YOU...
UH!
AND THAT INCLUDES YOU.
UM, TSUTSUI-SAMA..
POP
POP
And in the end, we always end up...
FEELS SO GOOD TO THE TOUCH...
twitch
AH...!

B-BUT YOU'LL GET... DIRTY..
ha
haa
I-I CAN'T... I'M GOING TO..
GO AHEAD AND COME
WON'T HAPPEN.
I'LL SWALLOW IT ALL DOWN
THADUMP
Ack!
doing this.
haa
ha
haa
suck
slurp
suck
haa
haa
ha
I'M SORRY.

I WOULD NEVER DO ANYTHING TO DIRTY THE CLOTHES I LIKE SO MUCH.
AND NOW IT'S YOUR TURN.
yank
?!
Well then, here is your bill
SHUT

cough
cough
Urgh
What should I do?
There's no way that I'm doing the right thing here!
I don't know anything about him except his name, and what's more, he's a customer!
But there is one thing I do know.
He's used to wearing suits
THEY'VE USED GOOD MATERIALS
He handles his clothes so carefully and gently
FEELS GOOD TO THE TOUCH
I know that what I'm doing is wrong, but...
Ah!

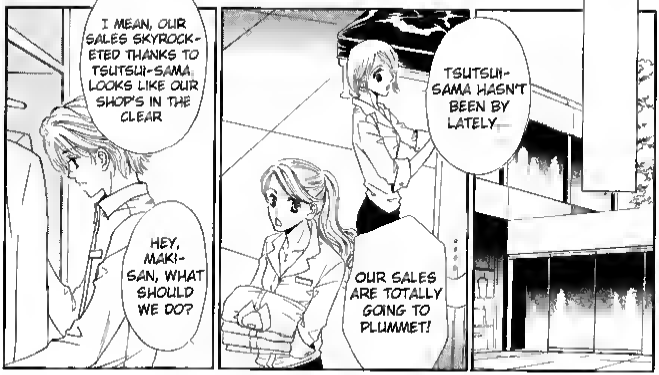
AHN!
thrust
thrust
slurp
thrust
AAH!
...OH!
COLLAPSE
!!
CRAP! MY CLOTHES...!
cover
uuugh!
B-BUT.
SHLIP
I CAN'T ... TAKE MUCH MORE...
IT'S FINE. JUST KEEP QUIET.

YIKES!
HOIST
I NEVER FIGURED I WOULD DRIVE YOU SO CRAZY THAT YOUR CLOTHES WOULD BE IN DANGER...
DOESN'T THIS MEAN YOU'RE NOT A PROFESSIONAL?
blush

At some point just knowing his name and doing it in a cramped changing room stopped being enough.
BUT IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT, TSUTSUI-SAMA!

O-OH, I'M SORRY!
MY CLOTHES ARE GOING TO WRINKLE
HEY, DON'T CLAW AT ME SO HARD
BUT...
SO PLEASE, GIVE ME MORE...
NO MATTER HOW DIRTY OR TORN YOUR CLOTHES BECOME,
I WILL ALWAYS HAVE A NEW SET READY FOR YOU TO WEAR, TSUTSUI-SAMA
I want to know more about him
THANK YOU VERY MUCH

LIM,
YOU COULD LEAVE US YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION IF YOU WANT TO
N-NO, IT'S NOTHING SORRY
WHEN WILL YOU BE VISITING OUR STORE AGAIN. .?
LIM
TSU-TSUI-SAMA!
NAH, I DON'T THINK SO
IF WE HAD YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS, WE COULD SEND YOU UPDATES DIRECTLY
WHAT?
BUT...
Oh no.
Thank you very much!
gasp
I SAID NO!
STOP MEDDLING

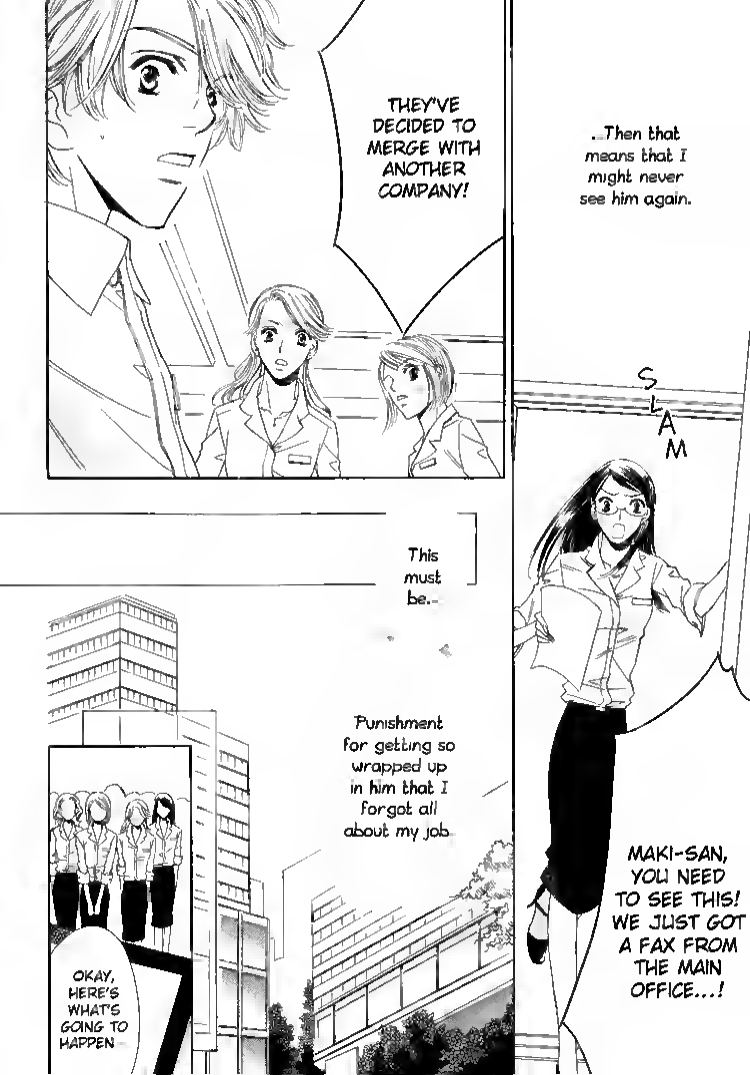

I MEAN, OUR SALES SKYROCKETED THANKS TO TSUTSUI-SAMA. LOOKS LIKE OUR SHOP'S IN THE CLEAR
HEY, MAKI-SAN, WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
TSUTSUI-SAMA HASN'T BEEN BY LATELY...
OUR SALES ARE TOTALLY GOING TO PLUMMET!

HUH?
MAKI-SAN? ARE YOU OKAY? YOU'VE BEEN REALLY ABSENT-MINDED LATELY

I made a mistake
SORRY, I'M FINE

All I could do...
...was wait for him to come by my ... as a customer.

So if everything so far...
...was just a flying fancy or a game to him...


THEY'VE DECIDED TO MERGE WITH ANOTHER COMPANY!
..Then that means that I might never see him again.
SLAM
MAKI-SAN, YOU NEED TO SEE THIS! WE JUST GOT A FAX FROM THE MAIN OFFICE...!
This must be..
Punishment for getting so wrapped up in him that I forgot all about my job
OKAY, HERE'S WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN

OUR SHOP WILL BE CLOSING TOMORROW
THERE IS TALK THAT OUR SHOP WILL REOPEN AFTER THE MERGER IS COMPLETE,
BUT I DON'T KNOW FOR SURE WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN.
AN EXPLANATORY MEETING WILL BE HELD LATER AND THEY ARE ACCEPTING VOLUNTARY RESIGNATIONS
PLEASE DECIDE WHETHER YOU'RE STAYING ON AS AN EMPLOYEE BEFORE THE MEETING.
WHAT WILL YOU DO, MAKI-SAN?
what should we do?
I'VE ALREADY DECIDED.
WELL THEN, LET'S GET BACK TO CLEANING UP AND DEALING WITH THE REST OF BUSINESS
O-OKAY.
Whoosh
OH!

TSUTSUI-SAMA..
NO, IT'S FINE.
LET ME..
WHAT?
TSUTSUI-SAMA, TODAY IS A LITTLE..
hurry
hurry
hurry
THE CHANGING ROOMS ARE EMPTY...
Nnn...
Ah!

YOU'RE IN A HURRY TODAY...
D-DON'T...
PLEASE, JUST BE QUIET. .
AH!
OH...!
Hah!
Ahh!
I'M CURIOUS.
HUH?
YES?
UM...

ARE YOU THE KIND OF MAN WHO WOULD DO ANYTHING FOR HIS CUSTOMERS?
N-NO...
I'M NOT... I-I JUST...
I SLEPT WITH YOU BECAUSE I'M IN LOVE WITH YOU!

BUT THIS IS THE END.
OUR COMPANY'S MERGING WITH ANOTHER AND WE'RE CLOSING TOMORROW
I'M GLAD THAT YOU SHOWED ME
THE SAME KIND OF LOVE AS YOU DO FOR OUR CLOTHES .

QUIT!?
WHY?!
YOU'RE MY IDEAL.

AND I'M GOING TO QUIT DOING THIS JOB.

YOU'RE NOT MAKING ANY SENSE.
I'D ALWAYS BE REMINDED OF YOU WHENEVER I'D WORK, SO...
YOU TREASURE YOUR JOB THAT LITTLE?
ARE YOU REALLY GOING TO TOSS IT ASIDE BE-CAUSE OF ONE MAN?!
THAT'S WHY I CAN'T CONTINUE LIKE THIS
NO!
DON'T TAKE ME FOR A FOOL!

TELL ME WHY YOU SLEPT WITH ME!
YOU USED TRYING ON CLOTHES JUST AS AN EXCUSE, RIGHT?!
AND STILL, I'M IN...
grab
YOU'RE WRONG!
I SLEPT WITH YOU BECAUSE THE PASSION YOU HAD FOR YOUR WORK FASCINATED ME.

CLICK
WELL, THAT MIGHT'VE BEEN A MIS-CALCULATION ON MY PART, BUT...
HUH?
shut
IF DECIDING TO QUIT MAKES YOU FEEL THIS BAD, AT LEAST TRY TO KEEP DOING YOUR JOB
WAIT!

DASH
HE ALREADY LEFT
WHERE DID TSUTSUI-SAN GO?!
SHIT
I wish he'd told me it was all a game to him
That way I could have given up and let him go
TSUTSUI-SAMA

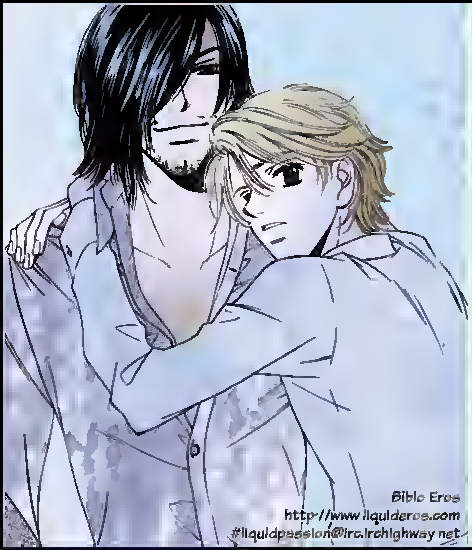
I came to the explanatory meeting
Oh well...
I just can't forget what he said to me...
gasp
HUH?!
Who were you really?

PRESI-DENT!
THERE YOU ARE!
STEP
STEP
WHAT ARE YOU...?
THAT'S... A SUIT I CHOSE FOR YOU
T-TSUTSU-SAMA?!
I FIGURED YOU'D BE HERE
THE EX-PLANATORY MEETING IS ABOUT TO START, SO PLEASE HURRY
OH? WHO MIGHT THIS BE?
OH, RIGHT.
PRES-
PLEASE STOP GOING BEHIND OUR BACKS, PRESIDENT...
HEY, I NEED TO DO A THOR-OUGH CHECK OF WHAT WE'LL BE MERGING WITH, RIGHT?
PRESI-DENT?!
Grab
THIS IS MAKI-KUN HE'S GOING TO BE RE-ENTERING OUR COM-PANY.
YOU SHOULD GET TO KNOW HIM WHILE WE RESTRUCTURE OUR ORGANI-ZATION. HE'S A VERY CAPABLE MAN.
Yikes!

TSUTSUI-SAMA?!
WHAT ARE YOU...?

Okay!
YOU GUYS GO ON AHEAD.
I'LL BE RIGHT THERE.

DOING IT IN THAT CRAMPED LITTLE CHANGING ROOM WAS THRILLING, BUT...
—FROM NOW ON WE'LL BE HAVING LOTS OF FUN IN MY OFFICE.
The END



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